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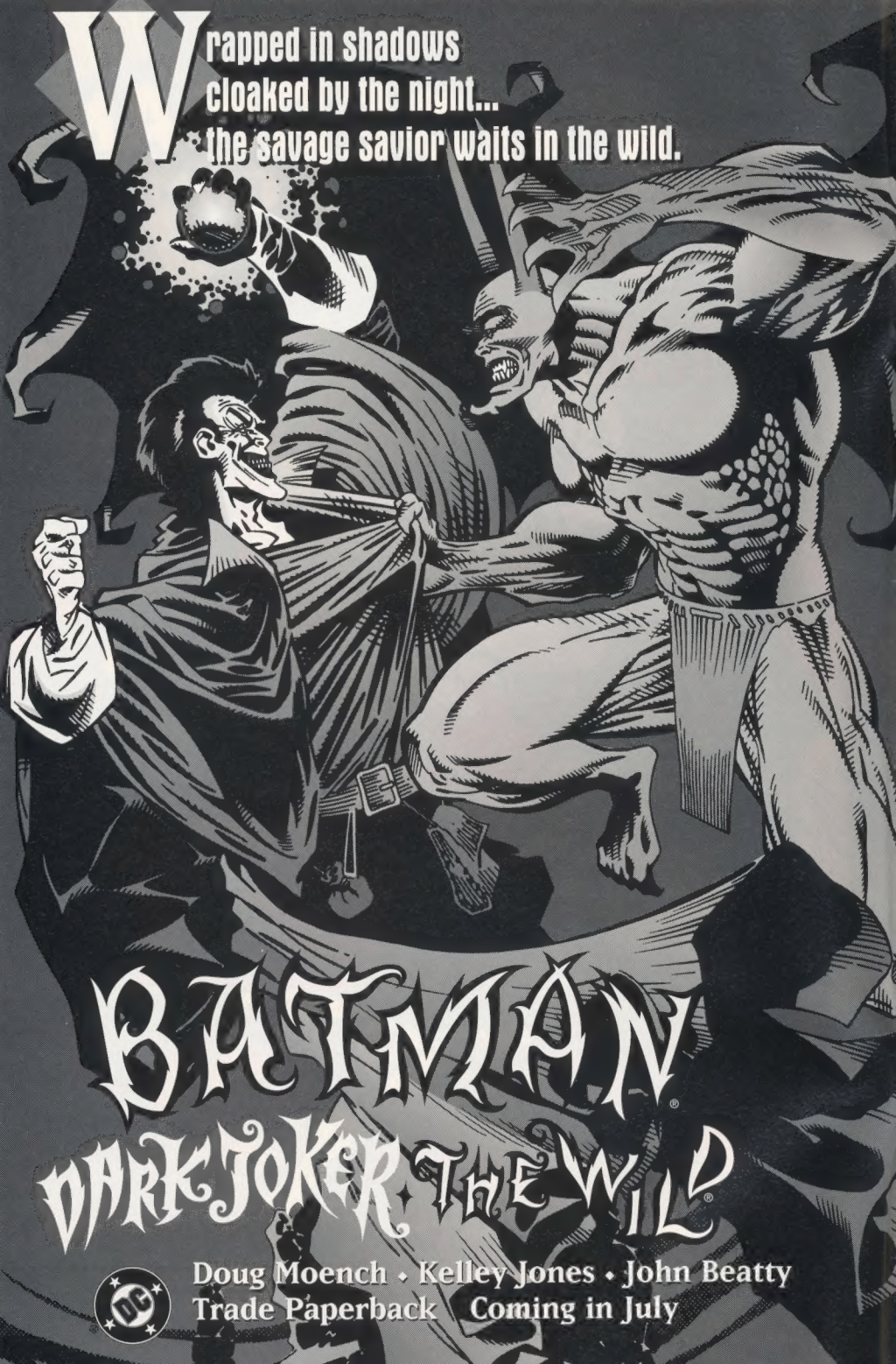
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cloaked by the night...
the savage savior waits in the wild.
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METROPOLIS...
uh-oh.
METRO TUN
NORTHEAST
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TUNNEL ENTRANCE IS BLOCKED BY DEBRIS!
THINK WE CAN GET THROUGH, DAD?
WE'LL DO OUR BEST, JOSHUA!
CLONE WAR TURNED THIS CITY INTO A BATTLE ZONE--
--BUT THE RADIO SAYS FIGHTIN'S STOPPED.
IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.
I'LL JUST CLIMB UP AND SEE IF THERE'S A WAY AROUND--
HEY! SOMEONE ON TOP, LENDIN' A HAND!
THANKS, BRO'!
"BRO'"?
WHA--?!
'FRAID YOU GOT THAT WRONG, BOY...

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...ALL MY BROTHERS ARE WHITE!
SOUTH
TH-TH-THUD!
BAD SPORT!
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OH, MY GOD! W-WHY? WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU--!
YOU SONOVA--
DADDY...?
C'MON, LADY--
--YOUR KIND'S BEEN DOING IT TO WHITES FOR YEARS, TAKING JOBS, LEECHING WELFARE MONEY, SPREADING DRUGS AND DISEASE!
THE WAR DROVE A LOT OF YOU OUT OF METROPOLIS, AND I'M GONNA SEE THINGS STAY THAT WAY!
YOU MIGHT SAY BLOODSPORT'S JUST DOING HIS PART...
...TO KEEP METROPOLIS CLEAN!
CH-CH-CH-CHAK!

A TEMPORARY DAILY PLANET FIELD OFFICE, SOME BLOCKS SOUTH...
I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS, LOIS.
YOUR LAPTOP IS ONE OF THE FEW COMPUTERS ON THE ISLAND THAT'S STILL WORKING!
tecka-tek
WE SHARED THE DANGER OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS RON*--MIGHT AS WELL SHARE ONE BYLINE.
THIS TIME!
*IN ALL FOUR SUPERMAN TITLES LATELY.
FREE FOR LUNCH, LOIS? YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT "ALL WORK AND NO PLAY"!
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I HAVE A BETTER IDEA, CLARK--
--LET'S GET MARRIED INSTEAD.
FEWER CALORIES.
GEE, I THOUGHT WE WERE ALREADY ENGAGED.
YOU MEAN, THAT WASN'T A WONDERFUL DREAM...?

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AND RETURN OF

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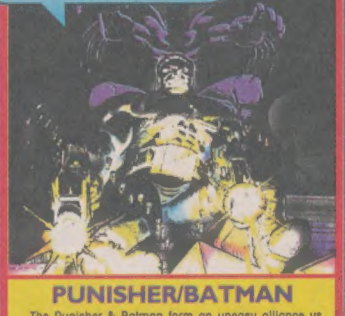

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New character arising from Zero Hour!		
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At last, the true origin of the Ray!		
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3	**Gen 13 #0 (All new! - Image)** ...	1.95	1.75
	All new stories! Includes art by Jim Lee! **Hot!**		
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At last! All new team by Whilce Portacio!	
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LUCY?
LUCY!
CrashTest DUMMIES WORLD TOUR
SOUNDS LIKE YOU GOT A GUARDIAN ANGEL, GIRL.
NO... BUT CLOSE!
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OVER HERE, JIM!
THAT'S JIMMY OLSEN. HE'S A, UM, FRIEND. YOU REMEMBER, HE LEFT ME WITH YOU DURING THAT ALIEN'S RAMPAGE.*
*MASSACRE, LAST WEEK
LUCE! YOU OKAY?
JUST FINE.
I EVEN MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS!
THEY'VE ASKED ME TO A ROCK CONCERT, PROCEEDS TO HELP METROPOLIS REBUILD!
WANNA GO?

GOTTA GO!
SUPER-HEARING'S PICKING UP GUNSHOTS --TROUBLE ON THE QUEENSLAND BRIDGE!
WHOA! WHERE'S CLARK OFF TO IN SUCH A HURRY?
SOMETHING UNEXPECTED CAME UP, RON. HE, UM, HAD TO--
"--FLY!"
AND SO DO I! JUST GOT A TIP: COULD BE A STORY AT THE QUEENSLAND BRIDGE!
STORY?
I'LL DRIVE!
PLAZA
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"ALL WORK AND NO PLAY"?
BE CAREFUL, CLARK...!
BE CAREFUL BRINGIN' UP THOSE REIN-FORCEMENTS, COMPTON! THIS GUY'S A MANIAC!
SHOWED UP AT THE METRO SIDE O' THE BRIDGE AN' STARTED BLAZIN' AWAY--
--MOWIN' DOWN PEOPLE HEADED BACK INTO THE CITY! SAID SOMETHIN' ABOUT--
POLICE
--KEEPIN' HIS TURF "PURE"!

NO MYSTERY 'BOUT WHAT THAT MEANS! HIS FAVORITE BULL'S-EYES HAVE BEEN BLACK, ASIAN AN' HISPANIC!
BUT THAT COULD CHANGE! IF HE FEELS THREATENED, LIKE SOMETHIN'S IN HIS WAY, NO TELLIN' WHAT HIS NEXT TARGET COULD B--
PAKOW!!
DAMMIT! WE'RE SPREAD TOO THIN! CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH FOR A CLEAR SHOT!
AN' BY THE TIME THE SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT GETS HERE, HUNDREDS'LL BE SLAUGHTERED!
MAYBE NOT, SARGE! SOMEONE MUSTA BEEN PRAYIN'!
LOOK!
RVE

ZERO HOUR
THE END OF TODAY...

A CHANGE IS IN THE AIR...
WONDER WOMAN
COMING IN JULY

BLOODSPORT! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD! GIVE UP NOW--
--OR YOU'LL WISH YOU WERE!
FAT CHANCE, ALIEN!
I'VE GOT MORE LIVES THAN CLINTON HAS EXCUSES!
ENERGY SURGE FROM THE BOMB THAT "KILLED" ME* JANGLED THE CIRCUITRY IMPLANTS THAT TELEPORT WEAPONS TO ME!
THEY TELEPORTED ME AWAY INSTEAD! HAVEN'T A CLUE WHY-- I'M NO SCIENTIST-- BUT I DO KNOW I'VE BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE--

--TO FINISH WHAT I STARTED!
VVUMMM
EAT THIS, SPACE-BOY!
GHLOOPH!
SOME KIND OF FOAM! SOLIDIFIED INSTANTLY, HARD AS STEEL!
AND TWICE AS--
"--HEAVY?"
PLECHH

IT CAN'T BE!
BLOODSPORT?!
BETTER STAY BACK, RON! YOU'RE--
--BLACK? I THINK I KNOW THAT, LOIS!
JUST LIKE I KNOW I DESPISE EVERYTHING THAT BIGOTED BUTCHER STANDS FOR!
AND I CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND AND WATCH HIM--
hnh?
PUT IT DOWN, BOY! YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE STONES TO USE IT BEFORE--!*
YOU REMEMBER ME? I THOUGHT WE ALL LOOKED ALIKE!
I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL A MAN. YOU DON'T!
I... I-I...
...KNOW.
HEY, WAIT! I DROPPED THE GUN! YOU--
--DIDN'T SAY I WOULDN'T KILL YOU ANYWAY, DID I?
CUTE. NOW DROP IT!
* ACTION #694, AGAIN.

BDAM! BDAM!
RUN!
MARCY, GET DOWN--!
:hhmf:
PK
PK
PK
PK
GOD, NO!
NO!
THAT WOMAN! SH-SHE DIED FOR ME!
TAKE IT EASY, RON! THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD DO! NOTHING!
YEAH. AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I FEEL LIKE RIGHT NOW:
NOTHING...!

METAL FOAM'S A NEW TRICK... CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE!
BUT THE SURPRISE IS OVER!
NOW TO GET BACK TO THE BRIDGE BEFORE BLOODSPORT--
--TOOK OFF, SUPERMAN!
LOOKED LIKE HE WAS HEADIN' FOR HOBS HEIGHTS!
THE LARGEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD IN METROPOLIS!
GO GET 'IM, BIG GUY! NAIL THAT SICK SUCKER TO THE WALL!
COUNT ON IT!

WHY DO I FEEL SO BAD? I'M NOT A TRAINED FIGHTER, NOT A COP OR A SOLDIER!
I'M JUST A--
--REPORTER?
YEAH. I AM.
AND A GOOD ONE, TOO!
MAYBE I CAN USE THE SKILLS I DO HAVE TO HELP OUT!
HATE BETRAYING LOIS'S TRUST -- SHE GAVE ME THESE ACCESS CODES IN GOOD FAITH!
BUT THIS IS STILL THE LESSER OF THE EVILS!
TEK
TEK
TEK
SHE HAS INFORMATION IN HER PRIVATE FILES, NOTES FOR RECENT STORIES, THAT COULD--
YESSSS!

HARD TO BELIEVE THIS WAS ONCE A STREET LINED WITH HOMES AND SHOPS... A FAMILY PLACE.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE BLOODSPORT WANTS TO FACE ME.
HE'S JUST STANDING THERE, WAITING. WHICH MEANS THIS HAS TO BE--
--A TRAP!
PLIK!
AUTOMATED PERIMETER GUNS? POPPING UP FROM HIDDEN BUNKERS?
YOU DISAPPOINT ME, BLOODSPORT!
THAT WON'T STOP ME ANY MORE THAN IT DID THE FIRST TIME YOU TRIED IT!*
*DOES ADVENTURES #307 RING A BELL?

I'M NOT STUPID, ALIEN! I LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES! AND I HAD TIME TO THINK WHILE LAYING LOW, WAITING FOR THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY TO PURGE THIS CITY!
I FIGURED I MIGHT RUN UP AGAINST YOU AGAIN, SO I RIGGED THIS LITTLE DODGE--
--TO GET YOU OFF MY BACK!
PLEK!
WHA--? GUNS SWIVELING 180°! FACING AWAY FROM US IN A DOZEN DIRECTIONS!
THOSE ZAPPERS ARE LOADED WITH "HEAVY METAL": BULLETS OF SPENT URANIUM, SO DENSE THEY CAN CUT THROUGH BRICK WALLS LIKE A BAZOOKA THROUGH BUTTER!
THIS WAS A FINE GERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD, 'FORE THE COLOREDS TOOK OVER!
SURE BE A SHAME IF SOME OF THOSE POOR DARKIES GOT IN THE WAY...!
PLEEP!
LORD, NO!
CH-CH-CHOW!

FLASH
EVERYTHING ELSE IS JUST
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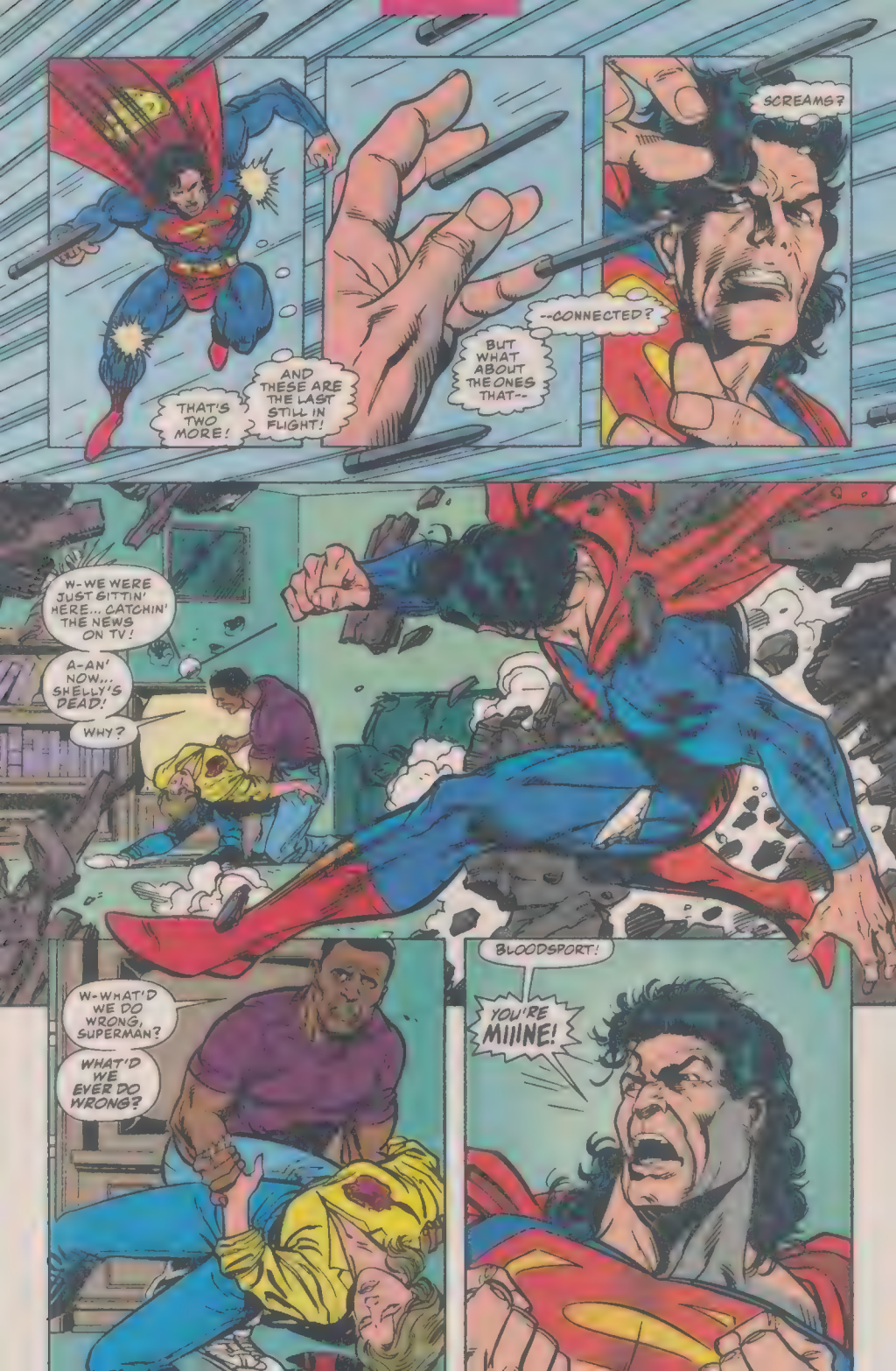
HEAT VISION!
MELT THE GUNS!
BUT SO MANY BULLETS WERE ALREADY FIRED!
TOO MANY...!
TOO MANY EMERGENCY CALLS. POLICE CAN'T GUARD EVERYTHING.
MADE GETTING INTO THE RUINS OF THE OLD LEXCORP TOWER EASY.
I ALREADY KNOW BLOODSPORT'S BACKGROUND FROM THE STORY I DID ON HIS FIRST RAMPAGE.
ALL RIGHT! CODES STILL ACTIVE! VAULT DOOR'S OPENING!
bip bip bip
AND COMBINED WITH FLOOR PLANS AND SECURITY CODES LOIS DUG UP DOING HER EXPOSÉ ON LEX LUTHOR--
--THAT JUST MIGHT DO THE TRICK!
WOW.


THAT'S TWO MORE!
AND THESE ARE THE LAST STILL IN FLIGHT!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE ONES THAT--
--CONNECTED?
SCREAMS?
W-WE WERE JUST SITTIN' HERE... CATCHIN' THE NEWS ON TV!
A-AN' NOW... SHELLY'S DEAD!
WHY?
W-WHAT'D WE DO WRONG, SUPERMAN?
WHAT'D WE EVER DO WRONG?
BLOODSPORT!
YOU'RE MIIINE!

WEAPONS!
BLOODSPORT TELEPORTS THEM TO HIM FROM A CENTRAL CACHE!
POLICE CONFISCATED THE CACHE AFTER HE "DIED," BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANYPLACE TO STORE IT! SO LUTHOR VOLUNTEERED, PROBABLY PART OF SOME HIDDEN AGENDA HE NEVER GOT TO CARRY OUT!
THING IS, NOW THAT I'VE FOUND THE WEAPONS--
--WHAT DO I DO WITH THEM?
RELOCATION CENTER, SET UP TO HELP MINORITIES REINFEST METROPOLIS!
METRO AID DEPO
WUMMMM
SAD PART IS, IT'S MOSTLY RUN BY WHITES!
LOUSY RACE TRAITORS...!
I HOMED IN ON THE HUM OF BLOODSPORT'S TELEPORT CIRCUITS! BUT--
SHAK!

"--NOT QUICKLY ENOUGH! THAT BLAST TOOK OUT A WHOLE WALL! BUILDING'S START-ING TO COLLAPSE!"
NO TIME FOR YOU NOW, BLOODSPORT! BUT I'LL BE BACK!
GRENADES. I'VE SEEN ENOUGH MOVIES TO KNOW HOW THEY WORK: PULL THE PIN, AND A FEW SECONDS LATER...
...BOOM!
QUESTION IS, HOW MANY SECONDS? AND WILL I HAVE TIME TO GET AWAY--
--BEFORE I GO "BOOM" TOO?
HAVE TO USE DEBRIS TO SHORE UP THE FOUNDATION--
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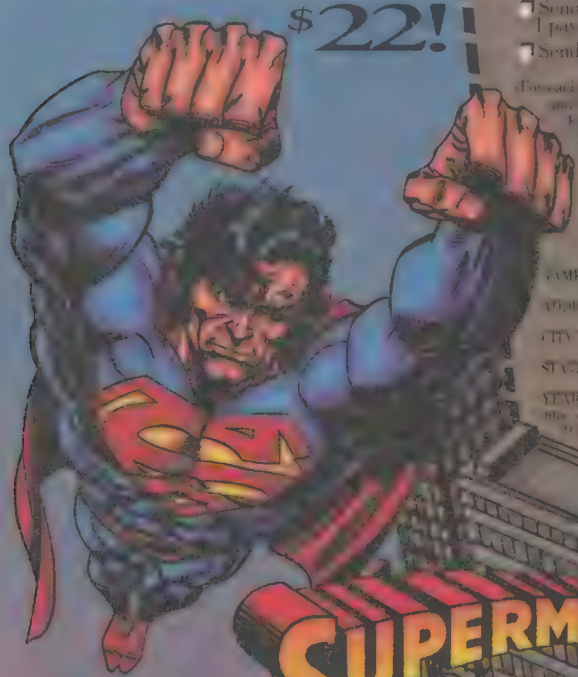

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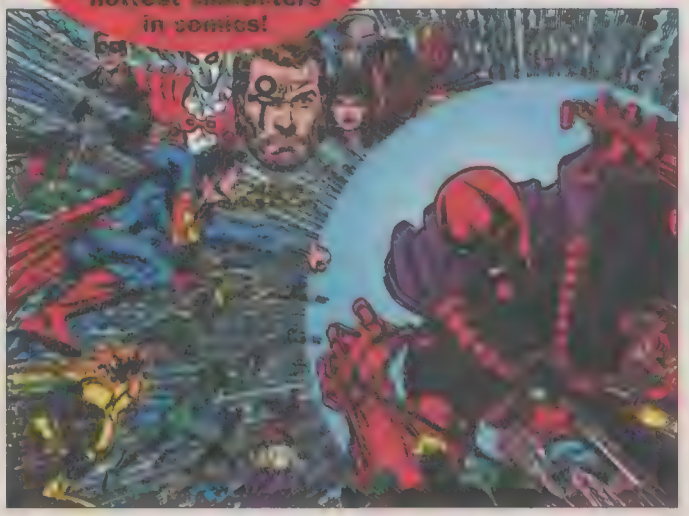

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HISPANICS? Hmmm. MAYBE I'LL JUST LEAVE SPACE-BOY A LITTLE PRESENT BEFORE I GO...!
¡DIOS MÍO! STAY BACK, ROSITA!
GO ON! WHO'RE YOU KIDDING?
YOU NEVER DID HAVE A CHOICE!
JUST DO IT, MAN! AND RUN LIKE--
FWABAM
--HELL!
YOU'VE EATEN YOUR LAST BURRITO, JOSÉ! SAY GOODBYE TO--
VVVRAAAMM
--AGHH! P-PIECES?
J-J-JUST... MOLTEN PIECES?!

TEP TEP
NO MORE BLOOD.
WAP!
MOM ;k-koff; WANTED ME TO... STUDY MEDICINE!
BUT OHHHH, NO.. ;k-chof;
...I HAD TO BE A REPORTER!
HOURS LATER, AT QUEENSLAND BRIDGE...
WHAT YOU DID TOOK COURAGE, RON.
NOT REALLY. TAKES MORE TO DO WHAT MOST FOLKS DO EVERY DAY-- AND WHAT BLOODSPORT COULDN'T DO.
ACCEPTING AND RESPECTING PEOPLE WHO'RE DIFFERENT FROM YOU, THAT'S WHAT MAKES REAL HEROES!
AMEN TO THAT, BROTHER.
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Dear Chris:

The Jackson Guice cover for ACTION #698 is one of the best covers I have seen lately. One, it captures the attention—actually that's an understatement. Two, it sums up the point of the whole issue and shows a scene not clearly represented on the inside. Excellent!

Melissa Page
Nortonville, KY

Melissa, yours is one of the best letters we've read lately. One, it's short and to the point. Actually this is an understatement. Two, it sums up the qualities that can make a cover great and inspires readers to dizzying heights of appreciation for the creative sweat and blood that goes into our covers. You get a Baldy!

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Mike, Frank, and Chris:

Re: ACTION #698

Why do I get the feeling that Lex Luthor's attempts to ruin Lois Lane's career will result in his downfall?

John Lavernoich
Winsted, CT

Uh, I guess because...they did? Or maybe it's the weather? (But most likely you read all the advance solicitations our retailers use to order comics.)

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Dear Super People:

Enough is enough! You tease us. You tantalize us. You make us beg for more. Then we get to the end of this issue only to read, "Continued in two weeks." I don't know how other readers feel, but I've had it! Stop these accursed "skip weeks" at once! I realize there are only four a year but it is still too many.

I want to see fifty-two issues of Superman per year. That's right, thirteen issues of each title every year. What's the matter? You say it can't be done? Are you afraid to even try? Well, I dare you! I defy you! I say it can be done and should be done! I urge every reader to write in and demand an end to the "skip weeks"! Let's put a stop to this nonsense once and for all! No more skip weeks!

Thomas V. Accardo
Brooklyn, NY

You think you've got it bad, Tom? You should see Superman central during skip weeks: we drag our feet around the office, mumbling faint greetings to each other, our shoulders drooped, our eyes to the ground as we shuffle from task to task, a steady gloom punctuated by bloodcurdling screams of "Why!?" Our only hope is that some cheery letterhack will lift our spirits. And what do we get—more moaning about skip week! Oh, the ag-o-ny! Can't you just talk about the comic, like this next guy?!

*****

Dear Actioneers:

ACTION COMICS #698 was a very interesting issue. I wonder why Dabney Donovan made all of those D.N.Aliens have Luthor's face. Maybe if those things hadn't caught on fire, Lex could've somehow transmitted his intelligence into one of them. Of course these clones would eventually have died from the plague, anyway, but it would have bought him some extra time.

ACTION COMICS #698

This issue clearly demonstrates how slowly time passes in Metropolis. On page 4, panel 1, one of the reporters on the screen says that the PayBack D.N.Aliens attacked Superboy only days ago, but that comic came out 5-1/2 months ago! No wonder everybody still looks so young after 50 years of comics! In fact, the only person who seems to have aged at all is Jimmy. Lois and Clark actually look younger since Superman's return.

I eagerly await the SUPERMAN/DOOMSDAY: HUNTER/PREY miniseries coming out this April. With Superman's enhanced powers he should be able to take him down easily. I'm hoping for some answers to the questions surrounding Doomsday's past.

Anyway, let's get back to this issue. Roger Stern did his usual superb writing job, while Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier did some of the best comics artwork on the market today. I especially enjoyed the artwork on pages 2 and 3. Oh, by the way, give Guice a promotion for that cover. I loved it! I only have one request for this comic and all the SUPERMAN titles—don't give us any more skip weeks! They're driving me crazy! I have a hard enough time waiting one week for my comic. So if you care about the health of your fans, get rid of the skip weeks! Except for this one little problem, this is one of the best titles out there. Keep up the good work!

Thomas Ballard
Newport, RI

Ach! Spoke too soon. More griping about skip week! Well, at least this next guy has an intriguing suggestion about coping with those dreaded weeks.

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Dear People:

Over the course of the current run of SUPERMAN, we've seen a lot of neat innovations and improvements. These include interlinking all four titles so they become like a weekly comic, and those little triangles to more immediately know in what order to read (or REread) the titles. And this month, thanks to Bruce Kilday in ADVENTURES #511, you've added little reproductions of the cover of the book being discussed on the letter column. Great stuff or what?

So, I thought I'd toss a suggestion of my own in, one that's been on my mind for quite a few months, and which concerns that dreaded event recurring "next week": SKIP WEEK! Basically, you DON'T NEED 'em. My reasoning is this: with 4 monthly titles you have 48 issues. In a year that leaves 4 extra weeks. However, with 4 regular titles, this means you ALSO have 4 annuals!! Why not, next time it's annual time, simply schedule them somewhere betweeen the other 48 issues. You could even coordinate the stories between the annuals and the regular books better. Right now, there's often a challenge involved trying to figure out where the annuals fit into the ongoing finely-tuned continuity. This would solve two problems at once. Whatta ya say?

I'd say the Jack Kirby credit in ACTION #698 was more than called for. In addition to the Guardian, Kirby also created Cadmus, Dabney Donovan, Dubbilex, and the Newsboy Legion (the latter with Joe Simon). And on top of that, if you SQUINT at Jackson Guice's artwork in places you'd almost swear Jack did the layouts on this issue as well! This is particularly true of that unexpected 2-page spread on pages 12, 13. WOW! When it comes to influences, Jackson's art has reminded me for a long time now of early Steranko—when

HIS layouts were very Kirbyesque as well. The timing of this issue seems rather appropriate, as the issue of *Comics Buyer's Guide* with the tribute to Jack came out the same day. If this is any indication, the legacy of his inspiration will live on forever!

Henry R. Kujawa
Camden, NJ

It's almost impossible to draw a comic book page and not be influenced by Jack Kirby (1917-1994), Henry. From Jackson Guice to Gary Panter, comic-book artists of all styles owe Kirby the debt of both paving the way in comics language and creating the lion's share of memorable super-hero characters. And as you mentioned, Kirby's work with DC-generated characters is still going strong today, particularly in the SUPERMAN titles.

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Dear RE: ACTION:

I have been reading SUPERMAN comics since his "death," and I must say I really enjoy them. But, in ACTION #698, on page 21 in the sixth panel, I noticed a mistake. The LexCorp computer said "Downloading to modem," and Lois was talking on the phone. I, an avid modem user, noticed this was impossible, because a modem must have a free phone line. This would be impossible. So, unless Lois had two phone lines, this couldn't happen. More than likely, she wouldn't have this, because of cost. It costs a fortune to have separate phone lines where I live, a rural area, so I can't imagine how much it would be there. Is this worth a Baldy? I hope so.

Also, it is not just me who enjoys SUPERMAN comics. There is an entire club on Prodigy devoted to Superman.

Rick Carroll
Camden, DE

Remind us sometime to reveal the untold story of "The Day Metropolis Bell Offered Special Savings for Second Phone Lines," Rick. It will shock and amaze you! (A double-bagger in the making!)

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Dear Chris:

And so the villainousness of Lex Luthor intensifies here in ACTION #698. The use of that Lextel Chip speaks ominously for Lois Lane in future issues and has an eerie ring of reality to it. I hope nobody out there writes in to complain about "outlandish impossible technology" while referring to the Lextel Chip. Currently the use of something called the Clipper Chip (manufactured by AT&T), is being debated by Congress. This chip, to be inserted in every new computer and phone in the country, could serve the same purpose for the FBI and Uncle Sam as the Lextel Chip serves for Lex Luthor. While I doubt the Clipper Chip will be put to the evil uses Luthor is using his chip for, your story serves as a warning for us all to remain informed and aware of technological advancements around us.

By the way, was the use of Lex Luthor's image inside those green giant clones supposed to have an extra meaning? I'm wondering because one of my few pre-Crisis Superman issues has Lex Luthor getting a new green battle suit that reminded me of the "Luthors" that appeared in this issue. (For those wondering what issue this is, I believe it was the 45th anniversary issue. My collection is currently a long ways away, but it has a copy of one of the last drawings of Superman by Joe Shuster, and thus really is worth tracking down.)

James Evans
Cornell University

We suppose the use of Luthor DNA for those big green monsters attacking LexCorp in ACTION #698 was merely a sick Dabney Donovan touch to an already weird situation. He's like that, you know.

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Dear Super-Team:

When I first picked up a SUPERMAN comic book a few years back, it was because I was a fan of Superman, not of comic books per se. I was a believer of the stereotype that comic books were for little kids, and I was shocked when I read the letter columns and found that fans actually could tell the difference between various artists and writers. How could there be any difference? I thought.

After reading several issues of the SUPERMAN books, I began to understand. More than anyone else, Roger Stern stood out to me as one of the most eloquent comic-book writers around. I have been a faithful reader for years now and I am shocked that I have only seen one or two letters giving him the praise he truly deserves.

I'm writing this letter because I just learned that Mr. Stern will be leaving after ACTION #700. I guess it's true what they say about not appreciating what you've got until it's gone. I realize that after seven or eight years he deserves a break. I only wish I had been reading ACTION for all of those years.

Mr. Stern brings a reverence and sense of dignity to Superman that stands out more than in the other titles. His dialogue is so encompassing that I sometimes feel that the artwork isn't even necessary to tell the story—not that Guice and Rodier aren't doing an incredible job, because they are, but Mr. Stern proved the point I am trying to make with the release of the Superman novel. He really made me believe that Superman was real. I think that anyone who read even a few pages of that novel could see that comic books aren't just for kids anymore.

Sadly, even if this letter does see print, Roger Stern will be already gone. I hope he realizes that his work will be greatly missed, and I'll keep reading SUPERMAN in hopes that he will someday return.

Thanks for all those years, Roger.

Michael Phillips
San Diego, CA

As we hope we made clear, Michael, Roger has not written his last SUPERMAN story, but he is no longer the regular writer for ACTION. Watch later lettercolumns for hints about Roger's future SUPER-projects. (Hmmm...there are 4 skip weeks a year!) Meanwhile, David Michelinie's first issue lies before you—what do you think? We think we've beaten all the odds and actually found someone up to filling the very big shoes of Mr. Stern.

—Chris Duffy
Size 10½!

NEXT WEEK: MAN OF STEEL #37 begins a whole month of temporal trauma for Superman as time anomalies wreak havoc with the DC Universe and begin the crisis that is ZERO HOUR. And for the first time since they each "went away," Superman and Batman meet face to face. But which Batman is this? He seems familiar, and yet...If you have as much fun reading this issue as Weezie, Bog and Janke had making it, you'll look abnormally happy in seven days.

IN TWO WEEKS: In SUPERMAN #93, we invite you to Smallville, where a certain Jor-El and Lara are looking for their long lost child! You see, Krypton didn't blow up! Get out your WHO'S WHO and get ready to maybe do a little rewriting under the SUPERMAN entry in fourteen days with ZERO HOUR meister Jurgens and inker without peer, Rubinstein!

IN THREE WEEKS: A ZERO HOUR-related time anomaly has fixed the ruined Metropolis! Great! But no one seems to recognize that guy with the big red "S" on his chest. Read about Metropolis's new/old champion in twenty-one days in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #516, courtesy of Karl Kesel and guest art team Pete Krause and Jackson Guice!

IN FOUR WEEKS: In ACTION COMICS #703, the time crises of ZERO HOUR are wiping out time at both ends and people are blinking out of existence. And courtesy of time's strange doings, Superman helps a young couple by the name of Jonathan and Martha Kent defeat an evil scientist with some pilfered Kryptonian technology. Will we ever see the normal timeline again? David Michelinie, Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier wipe everyone out of existence in twenty-eight days. No kidding!

IN FIVE WEEKS: No SUPERMAN comic! (Hope this is ONLY a skip week ...after all, the DC Universe IS gone at this time!)

"AND DID YOU CATCH" Dept.: Before the time craziness of ZERO HOUR, we were introduced to the Linear Men in a little time-travel epic that ran through the SUPERtitles called TIME AND TIME AGAIN, a story that literally blasted Superman all over the face of history—from the 30th century to Camelot (and back again)! And as a sort of prelude to this summer's universe-shaking ZERO HOUR miniseries, we Linear Men at DC have reprinted this series in trade paperback form. It's recommended reading on sale now!

The despicable Bloodsport is not very sporting on this issue's cover, drawn by Jackson Guice and colored by Suzanne Bourdages!

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